

HISTORIC BRENTWOOD

The Holt and Herbert Families

The Holt and Herbert families have been in Brentwood since the early 1800's. Both live on ancestral land that they have owned since their arrival, the Holts on Crockett Road and the Herberts on Old Smyrna Road. The two families have been closely allied by marriage through the generations.

John Holt and his wife Isabella Hardeman Holt came to Tennessee in the early 1800's and built a log house on their property on Crockett Road. The first of the Herberts to come to Middle Tennessee were brothers Richard and Nathaniel Herbert, sons of Virginian shipbuilder John Herbert. Thomas Holt and Judith Herbert were married in 18___. They built the Holt mansion Wildwood which still stands on Crockett Road.

Dr. Robert Nathaniel Herbert, a long time practicing physician in the Brentwood area, has left us a valuable legacy of information about pre-Civil War life in Brentwood. In 1922 at the age of 79 he wrote a description of his boyhood life in Brentwood. He said that his family owned 14 slaves and 300 acres of land at the time of the Civil War. In response to being asked what kind of work he did as a young man, he replied: "When school was out, I plowed with the Negroes until crops were laid by and all other work to be done finished. Every neighbor was a slave owner. Their boys worked on the farms with the slaves."

When asked what kind of work his parents did, he said: "My father managed his farm, put handles on plows, made gates for the farm. My mother looked after all work done in the house with two Negro women to do the cooking, spinning and weaving, and making clothes for all the family. The Negroes wore the best of cotton and jeans clothes all made at home, and I wore the same."

The Holts referred to Wildwood as their "summer home," because they had a sugar plantation in Louisiana where they lived in the winter. When Wildwood was built, many of the furnishings were brought up the Mississippi River from New Orleans. Wildwood was one of the largest plantations in the Brentwood area before the Civil War. They employed over 100 slaves there. They had a cotton gin, a saw mill, and a grist mill. The blacks had their own church and school on the plantation.

After the death of Thomas Holt, Wildwood was inherited by his son Lewis Holt. His five children were all well known in the Brentwood community. His son John Page Holt owned the home place, and his son Will Holt owned land across the road, which is not Indian Point Subdivision. The three Holt sisters, Margaret, Rose, and Kate were gracious hostesses and shared their home with Brentwood residents for many years. An annual event was the Halloween party for the Brentwood Methodist Church. It was a costume party, and many of the costumes from the Holt trunks.

Much of the Holt property is now Raintree Forest Subdivision. Wildwood and surrounding acreage is owned by Charles Witherspoon, the only living descendant of the Lewis Holt family. He is an accomplished musician and was for many years organist at the Brentwood United Methodist Church.

Meanwhile, the children of George O. Herbert and his wife Gladys Holt Herbert still own and live on the old Herbert place on Old Smyrna Road.

journholt

Holt and
at mansion

Richard Herbert, a local time practicing
good area, has left a valuable legacy of
Civil War life in Brentwood. In 1932 at
a description of his boyhood life in
300 acres and 300 acres owned by slaves and
being asked
"When
said
is a

the picture

of the

His five

His five

Holt and

division

division

for

the

and



Lewis Herbert Holt (3-6) family. Front row, left to right: Rose, Mrs. Almira Holt, Mr. Herbert Holt, Lucile. Back row, left to right: Lewis, Kate, Will, John and Margaret.

L. H. Holt was the son of Thomas Holt who built Wildwood. His family is shown before the entrance to the house.

ed

Holt

t
in Page Holt)
dren

pert Holt
98
159

is
dren)

ore
dren)
co Store for years
well House, Nashville, Tenn.

erbert
58
917
10-1878
erkins-
56
47

5-1.
Eliz. Battle
Williams
born: 2-8-1880
died:
married: 10-10-1906
Thomas A
Washington

Wm. T. Holt 3-2 seated, with wife Elizabeth in front of
their home. It still stands off Nolensville Highway edge of
Nashville, on Holt Road.

Mrs. Rosa Holt lived here until her death
in 1965.

6-1.
Martha Goodall
Washington
born: 8-3-1910
married:
11-7-1930
Walter C. Reckless, Ph.D.
Chicago, Ill.
teaches @ Ohio State Univ.
resides at Dublin, Ohio

7-1.
Walter Washington
Reckless
born: 9-12-1936

6-2.
Eliz. Allibone Washington
born: 4-20-1918
died: 6-2-1919

5-2.
Sarah Sneed Williams
born: 6-5-1881
died: 4-2-1953
married: 4-10-1904
Clemantine Herbert Bush

6-1.
Clemen Tyne Bush
born: 12-16-1905
married: 11-9-1927
Elizabeth Fox

7-1.
Sarah Miller Bush
born: 12-3-1928
married: 1-21-1951
N. R. Bardwell

8-1.
Roney Bardwell
born: 11-21-1951

THE HOLT FAMILY

There are five cemeteries on the John Holt farm on Crockett Road in the 16th District of Williamson County.

The first and perhaps the oldest is located on what is known as "Pulltight Hill." The cemetery at one time was walled in nicely with stones, but they are now largely scattered. There are no markers in this cemetery, but it is said that Hugh Edmondson's great-grandfather is buried here. So it is to be assumed that it is an EDMONDSON family cemetery.

The second is a Negro cemetery near the above mentioned cemetery. There are a large number of unmarked graves in this cemetery. It is to be assumed that buried here are the EDMONDSON and/or HOLT slaves and their descendants.

The third is located near the original home of the HOLT family. Geographically it is about a mile east of the Stubblefield on Wilson Pike and a mile north of the old Brooks place on Split Log Road. Tombstone inscriptions are:

JOHN HOLT, born 1761; died December 19, 1841
ISOBELER HOLT, born October 22, 1789; died August 2, 1852
H. P. H., born October 22, 1789; died February 27, 1816
NICHOLAS P. HOLT, born October 7, 1810; died August 1840
C. H., born September 17, 1801; died June 8, 1822

PENELOPE HILL BOYD, wife of William Boyd, born November 27, 1826; died September 22, 1873
JOHN T. BOYD, born October 25, 1867; died June 5, 1872

The fourth cemetery is located near the above HOLT family cemetery. In it are buried HOLT slaves and their descendants. There are no markers.

The fifth cemetery is in front of the present John Holt home on Crockett Road. Tombstones are:

THOMAS HOLT, son of John and Isabella Holt, born September 9, 1802; died 1876
ROSA HOLT, daughter of Nathaniel and Judith Herbert, born December 6, 1805; died December 9, 1853
JOHN PAGE HOLT, son of Thomas Holt, born June 30, 1840; died March 24, 1901

JULIA A. CAROTHERS, wife of R. B. Carothers, born June 28, 1830; died August 7, 1853

The Holt Family - Continued (2)

Marriages according to Williamson County records are:

HARDEN P. HOLT to FANEY ANDREWS February 19, 1816
JACOB HOLT to SUSANNA CRENSHAW September 6, 1809
ROHN R. (X) HOLT to JANE JARRETT June 23, 1841
LOUIS HOLT to EMILY CUMMINS October 27, 1834
NICHOLAS P. HOLT to TABITHA E. HUGHES July 24, 1833
WILLIAM HOLT to POLLY WHITE December 18, 1834
WILLIAM N. HOLT to MARTHA RIDLEY January 17, 1821
WILLIAM R. HOLT to NANCY JANE CLARK August 3, 1848

Davidson County marriage records:

THOMAS HOLT to ROSANNA HERBERT March 13, 1828

1822: JOHN HOLT was appointed a commissioner to set aside widow's allotment to NANCY HIGHTOWER, widow of RICHARD HIGHTOWER.

LEMUEL MORRIS married PRISCILLA HOLT August 28, 1807

1820 Census of Williamson County: JOHN HOLT is listed as a head-of-household with 8 male dependents and 3 female dependents and 11 slaves.

Holt
Thompson

and dismissed the suit before it ever came to any trial or hearing. Mrs. Evans' will is on record in the County Court Clerks book in 1847. The Exr. settlement with County Court Clerk is recorded on Clerks' book about 1849 or 1850. The Bill filed by Mr. Cook in about 1857 sets out the facts in this case pretty fully. And copies of the wills, settlement with Clerk & C. is filed with this bill. Filed in the Chancery Court at Franklin and dismissed by Pinkerton.

1845 Robert C. Thompson and John C. Thompson
vs.
Thomas Holt

Robert C. Thompson Will July Term 1832
Dated March 22, 1831- of Williamson County, Tenn.
Wife - Martha A. R. Thompson- all I possess both real and personal- to come to my children when they marry or come of age, their share.
Two sons- R. E. Thompson and John C. Thompson, the tract of land on which I live.
Daughter- Mary Bell Catherine Thompson- \$2000 to be raised from a tract of 800 or 1400 acres lying in Gibson Co. on the Rutherford fork of Obion.
Exr. to sell land and town Lot # 26 in Jackson, Madison Co.
Exrx. wife, Martha A. R. Thompson

John M. Thompson and Jason Thompson say they believe the above will to be the will of Robert C. Thompson and of his signature. Jason said Robert C. Thompson told him previous to his death that he had made a will and given to his wife for safekeeping. Martha produced the will after his death.

Deposition - Andrew Crockett says Robert C. Thompson moved upon the land about 1830. Thomas Holt moved upon the land about the first of the year 1840 and has been in possession ever since. This land is the one half of the Jason Thompson tract of 640 acres and is the half allotted to Robert C. Thompson less about 50 acres which has been sold off. He thinks Robert C. Thompson moved there in the fall and about the next spring went nearer Nashville for the benefit of medical assistance, thinks he died that spring or that he never raised a crop before he died. His family continued upon the place until about the first of the year 1843 when Herbert Owen moved off and Holt took possession. There are about 150 acres cleared land worth \$2 or \$3 per acre for rent. John C. Thompson remained there from the death of his father, Robert C., until Herbert Owen moved off and he went with him. Crockett was one of the jurors who laid off the dower to Martha A. R. Thompson, the widow. Robert C. Thompson left a widow, Martha A. R. and three children: Robert E., John C., and May Bell Thompson. The widow afterwards married Herbert Owen and May Bell died about the time Owen left the land. Crockett has not seen John C. for about four years and doesn't know where he is. Crockett knows the division line and John McThompson now has in possession and claims title to 50 acres of Robert C. Thompson's half leaving about 270 acres in the possession of said Holt.

Hearing on 7 Dec. 1849

Evidence- Copy of grant from North Carolina to Jason Thompson.
Copy of the deed from Jason Thompson to Robert C. Thompson.
Last will of Robert C. Thompson.

Deposition of John W. Winstead- Knew all of the people involved in the case. Holt has consumed some timber and has made some improvements. Herbert Owen lived there in 1841 and 42 and cultivated some of the land and rented some of it in 1841 to Luke Pryor.

Mr. Cunningham and Hezekiah Hill said they knew the land. That Holt was in possession of the land and claimed it to be his own. Mr. Hunter the register, tells the jury there is no power of atty. registered authorizing the sale or transfer of the land between Willis Cannon and Clement Cannon his agent who got rid of the land. The transcript of the case of Willis Cannon vs. Robert Emmett Thompson was read.

Deposition of Jabez Owen- In 1834 he was a deputy under William G. Childress, Sheriff. He saw executions against the widow and children of Robert C. Thompson in the spring of that year. Childress died in the spring of 1846.

Deposition of Herbert Owen- He married Martha A. R. Thompson the widow of Robert C. Thompson, about the first of Jan. 1835. She died in May 1844. Soon after they married they went upon the land now in dispute and lived there until about January first 1843. When he moved away and gave possession to Holt. The estate of R. C. Thompson was insolvent. Owen Paid about \$2,000 for the land and it all went to pay Thompson's debts. When he bought the land it was incumbered with the widow's dower. From the time he bought the land about June 1836 until he conveyed it by deed of trust to William Owen in 1840, he held and claimed it as his land. During that time he sold 50 acres to Nicholas Holt who then sold it to John McThompson who now holds and claims it. The Thompson children lived with them during their marriage. Robert E. left a short time before Jan. 1843 and Mary Bell did not live long about the same time. John C. lived with him until he moved away. Owen moved because his trustee had sold the land and he had no right on it. In 1841 Owen rented some of the land and the house of Pryor. Mr. Ladd and Mr. Winstead also rented some of the land from Pryor and cultivated it. Owen got Cockrell to rent some of the land for him from Holt who had purchased it. The same year Cosby and Robinson rented other parts of the cleared land from Holt and Holt cultivated some of it himself. Owen has not seen John C. since the latter part of the summer of 1845. Owen was present at the Court House in Franklin when the land was sold to Clement Cannon. William G. Childress was Shef. and before the deed was made he resigned and Nelson Childress was his successor. His deed was drawn by a lawyer named Sconce who is now dead.

North Carolina granted land to Jason Thompson 17 Jan. 1789. On 24 June 1822, Jason Thompson deeded land to Robert C. Thompson. Robert C. and John Mc. Thompson were tenants in common of the land for many years as no partition was ever

County the within named bargainer A. E. ...
I Gear with whom I am personally acquainted and so
that they executed the within instrument for the pur-
posed, and which I Gear, wife of the said A. E. Gear
for me privately and apart from her said husband the
acknowledged the execution of the said deed to have been
voluntarily understandingly without compulsion or con-
sented husband and for the purposes therein expressed as
usual this 15 day of September 1890

John H. Nickle
Notary Public

Attest at 1st H. R. M. Sept 17th 1890 Registered September 20th 1890

44 This Instrument drawn the 12th day of September 1890
Mabel Helen has and first Mabel of the County of Mills
Wash. Page of the County of Davidson of State of Tenn.
that Mary Mabel Helen and first Mabel have this
Sept. sold by these present doth bargain & sell to W. W. Page
a set of land lying in the 16th Civil District of Williams
Bounded as follows Beginning at a stake in E. T. Holt's
or said stake being the Dixie Corner of a tract of
owned by John Mc Thompson said stake being 39
Holt's line and being the corner established in the Di-
son tract of land then the line at law of same with
Mabel & Elizabeth Prim wife of R. F. Prim thence East
corner thence South 30 fols to Holt corner thence to
John M. Minsteads S.W. Corner in Holt's line thence
with Minsteads line to Liberty Road thence
Liberty Road with to stone line thence West with
a stone thence North 32 fols owns corner thence
to Orr in own tract the South 32 to fols to own
ce west to Dividing line between Elizabeth Prim
d to corner thence with said Division line 108 f.
Containing by estimation 125 acres more or less
eration of the Some of twenty seven hundred and
cash in hand paid to her to hold the same a
lawful claim of same what we do bind ourselves
or defend the title of said tract of land to W. W. Page
or assigns with all our power and authority

and for the purpose therein expressed witness my
hand and seal the 15th day of September 1890

Jno H. Wickle
Notary Public Bartlett Co.

Sept 17th 1890 Registered September 20th 1890 W.C. Parker R.H.C.

Instrument drawn the 12th day of September 1890 between Mary
Moral & her husband J.S. Moral of the County of Williamson &
Page of the County of Davidson all of State of Tennessee. It was
by these presents doth bargain & sell to M.W. Page a certain
and being in the 16th Civil District of Williamson County, &
as follows. Beginning at a stake in E.T. Holt's North Bean
Stake being the Dixie Corner of a tract of land formerly
by John Mc Thompson said Stake being 39 poles East
line and being the Corner established in the Division of
act of land between the heirs at law of same. Namely Ma
& Elizabeth Prim wife of R.F. Prim thence East 115 poles to
thence South 30 poles to Holt's corner thence East 114 p
on Mc Minn's S.W. Corner in Holt's line thence North
the Minn's line to Liberty Road thence N.E. with
Road with To Stone line thence West with Stone line
in thence North 38 poles owns corner thence west 27 1/2
or in own tract the South 38 to poles to own's corner
west to Dividing line between Elizabeth Prim & Mary
corner thence with said Division line 108 poles to be
termining by estimation 125 acres more or less for the co
tor of the same of twenty seven hundred and fifty dol
in hand paid to have & to hold the same against
all claims of persons what ever & do bind ourselves & heirs
find the title of said tract of land to M.W. Page & his
signs & that we are lawfully seized of same

Mary Moral
J.S. Moral

State of Tennessee)
Williamson County Personally appeared before me
House Deputy Clerk of County
said County the within named J.S. Moral & wife M.

Sept 17 1890
J.H. Wickle
Notary Public
Bartlett Co. Tenn

son tract of land been this in at law of same namely Mary
 Morel & Elisabeth Prim wife of R^r Prim thence East 118 poles to Holt
 corner thence south 30 poles to Holt corner thence East 114 poles
 To John M Kinsteads S.W. Corner in Holt line thence North
 with Kinsteads line to Liberty Road thence N.E. with
 Liberty Road with To Store line thence West with Store line to
 a stone thence North 38 poles own corner thence west 27 1/2 poles
 to err in own tract the south 38 to poles to own corner thence
 west to Dividing line between Elisabeth Prim & Mary Morel
 to corner thence with said Division line 108 poles to beginning
 & containing by estimation 125 aers more or less for the consid-
 eration of the some of twenty seven hundred and fifty dollars
 cash in hand paid to have & to hold the same against the
 lawful claims of persons what ever we bind ourselves & heirs to fore-
 ever defend the title of said tract of land to W^m Page & his heirs
 or assigns & that we are lawfully seized of same

Mary Morel

S. S. Morel

(Sealed)
(Sealed)

State of Tennessee
 Williamson County

Personally appeared before me R. A.
 House Deputy Clerk of county court
 of said county, the within named S. S. Morel & wife Mrs—

indue
 to have
 the said
 is man
 his an
 of said
 income
 and ear
 and for
 his as
 or in
 this 2^d
 and sh
 all as
 only as

W. H. H. H.
 S. H. H. H.

S. H.
 Will
 of said

before me pro H. W. Kille a notary Public in and for said State & County, the within named bargainer S. E. Gear and his wife Sarah I Gear with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledge that they executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained, and Sarah I Gear, wife of the said S. E. Gear, having appeared before me privately and apart from her said husband the said S. E. Gear acknowledged the execution of the said deed to have been done by herself voluntarily understandingly without Compulsion or constraint from her said husband and for the purposes therein expressed with this my hand used this 15 day of September 1890 A. C. 11-11-11

Prof. H. W. H. H.

Notary Public, Bartons Co. Va.
noted at 1st P.M. Sept 19th 1890. Registered September 20th 1890 De Parkhurst, H. C.

noted at 14 R. 162 Sept 17th 1890. Registered Sept 20th 1890 De Bar Kew. H. 1. 1.

This Instrument bears the 12th day of September 1890 between Mary Merrell & her husband J. M. Merrell of the County of Williamson & J. M. Oage of the County of Davidson all of State of Tennessee Witness that Mary Merrell & her husband J. M. Merrell have this day conveyed & quitclaimed sold & by these presents with bargain & sell to M. W. Oage a certain lot of land lying in the 16th Civil District of Williamson County &c. 1890 Bounded as follows Beginning at a stake in E. F. Hobbs North & running

Carpenter's Lane,
Oct. 6, 1897

Mr W. H. Holt,

My Dear Son:— I
received your kind and ever
welcome favor several
days since, and in reply
thank you for the interest
you manifest in my well-
fare.

Both John and Rosa
are going to school and I
think are progressing well
with their studies.

I send you the
"Bryan" book with much
pleasure and hope you will
study it closely as I think
it one of the best works

extent of the Political system
of our Government.

Please write me
immediately on receipt of it
and this.

Crops are tolerably good
in this country, and have
given to farmers a little margin
which they are using to
the best advantage.

I wish you could be
up with us to attend the
Centennial. It is promou-
ced by those who have seen
both equal to the World's
Fair at Chicago as far
as it goes.

Is there any Yellow
Fever in that section,
the health of our relatives
and friends is good as
far as known.

- Hoping to hear from
you again, and that you
will let me know
all about crops, the health
and our friends in par-
ticular.

I remain

Your aff

Father

J. P. Holt

P. S. (over)

Carpenter's
Dec. 28-99

Mr. T. H. Holt

My Dear Son,

received your every welcomed
favor of the 9th inst. but one
thing or another has transpired
to prevent my writing until
now. Was glad to hear that
you are well and have an
abiding confidence in your
judgment and feel that you
know what is best for you
may success crown your
effort for good and
much prosperity and happiness
attend you is the earnest
prayer of your devoted
father. Rosa is still going
to school at Nashville, is
well pleased and judging

(2)

from her report when she is
 26 lbs. and is studying well.
 She wrote you asking for 2 bu.
 beans for her cousin Lucy
 she feels under great obligations
 to her and as she is very anxious
 for them if you have an oppor-
 tunity let the bu. promised me
 and further make up the
 quantity (2 bu.) to her. I don't
 wish by this to interfere by
 any way with your business
 but if you can do so you
 will greatly oblige both Edie
 and I. The rise in cotton
 has opened a market for
 mules here and they are being
 shipped to various parts of
 Georgia & Ala. at prices in
 advance of a few weeks ago.
 The failure in crops have
 rendered the people more
 dependent than they have

(3)

been for years. But as
 the phosphate industry is here
 to begin with the commencement
 of spring it will lend an impetus
 that will give prosperity to
 the entire country and will
 aid the building up of many
 of our small cities. Spent
 a delightful time with Harry
 and family last wk. our
 relatives are well as far as
 known. Hoping to hear
 from you soon with
 a merry Xmas and a
 prosperous New Year

I remain Yours

Devoted Father

J. P. Holt

P.S. please give my kindest
 regards to all of my inquiring
 friends and hoping them a
 very Christmas and a happy
 New Year.

State of Tennessee,
Williamson County,

Personally appeared before me T. J. Wallace a Notary Public in and for said State and county, the within named Elizabeth Primm, a widow, the bargainer, with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that she executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand and seal at-----Tennessee this 25th day of May 1935.

(SEAL)

T. J. Wallace, Notary Public,

Filed for record this the 26th day of February 1929 at 10; A.M.

W.M. Turrey, Register

Mrs. Minnie Sparkman, // For and in consideration of the sum of Four Thousand
Warranty Deed, // Dollars paid and to be paid to Mrs. Minnie Sparkman by
M./C. Johnson, // M. C. Johnson as follows; One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars
in cash, the receipt of which is acknowledged, and Nineteen Hundred (\$1900.00)
Dollars by the said M. C. Johnson assuming and agreeing to pay balance of mortgage
note executed by the undersigned and secured by trust deed on the property herein-
after described of record in Trust Deed Book No. 36, pt page 225, of the Register's
Office of Williamson County, Tennessee, and the balance of Two Thousand (\$2000.00)

Elizabeth Primm, / For and in consideration, of the sum of Five Rollars, to me
To, Deed / cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I
Lewis H. Holt, Jr. / Elizabeth Primm, formerly Elizabeth Thompson, have this day bargained
and sold, and hereby transfer and convey unto Lewis H. Holt, Jr. his heirs and assigns,
a certain tract or parcel of land in Williamson County, Tennessee described as follows:

Lying in the 16th Civil District of Williamson County, and bounded as follows:
Beginning at a stake in E. L. Holt's north boundary, said stake being the dividing
corner of a tract of land formerly owned by John McThompson, said stake being 89 poles
east of Holt's line, and being the corner established in the division of the Thompson
tract of land between the heirs at law of same Mrs. Mary Morel and Mrs. Elizabeth Primm;
thence east 118 poles to Holt's corner; thence East 30 poles to Holt corner; thence
East 44 poles to John H. Winstead S. W. corner in Holt line; thence North with Winstead line
to Liberty Road; thence North east with Liberty Road to Stevens line; thence west with
Stevens line to a stone; thence north 38 poles to Owen's corner; thence west 27½ poles
to corner in Owens tract; thence 38 poles to Owens corner; thence west to the dividing
line between Elizabeth Primm and Mary Morel to corner; thence with said division line
103 poles to the beginning, containing by estimation 125 acres more or less.

In the division of the estate of my father John McThompson, with my sister
Mary Morel, the two of us being the only heirs the tract of land above described was
apportioned to my sister Mary Morel, but thru inadvertance, I Elizabeth Primm; have
never executed a deed divesting the title to said land out of myself and into the said
Mary Morel, and the parties to whom said land has been transferred by said Mary Morel
and her conveyees, the last of said parties being the said Lewis H. Holt Jr. to whom

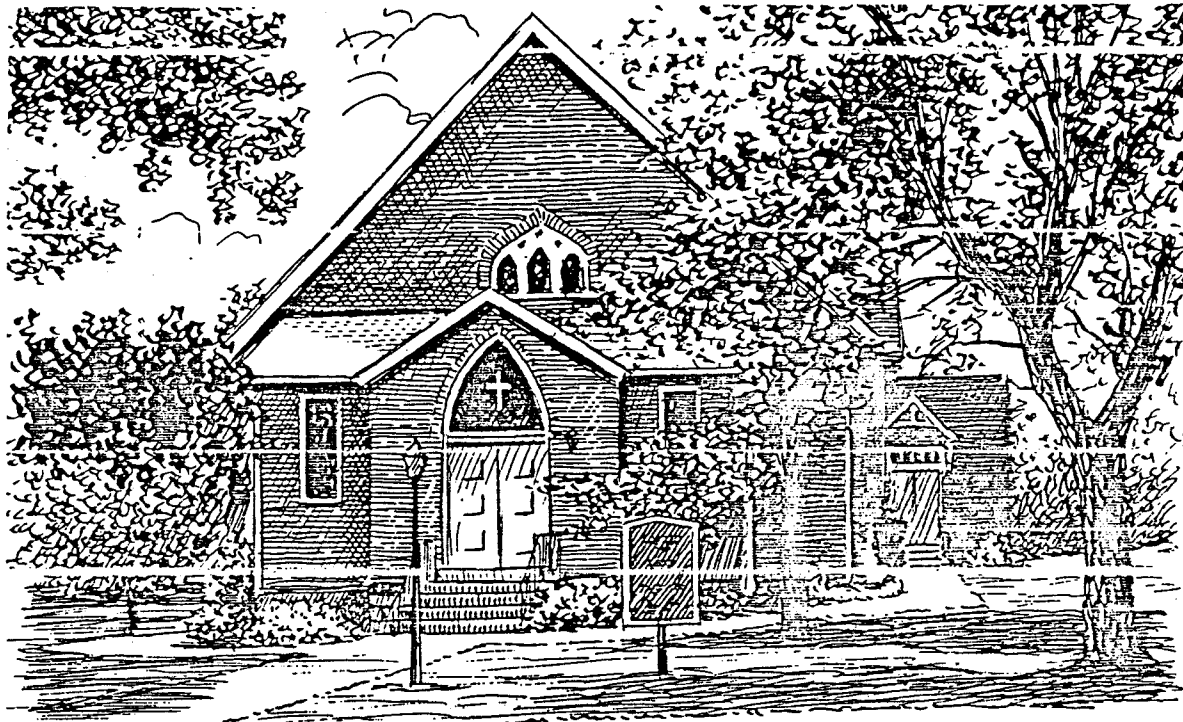
and sold, and hereby transfer and convey unto Lewis H. Holt, Jr. his heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Williamson County, Tennessee described as follows:

Lying in the 16th Civil District of Williamson County, and bounded as follows:
Beginning at a stake in M. L. Holt's north boundary, said stake being the dividing corner of a tract of land formerly owned by John McThompson, said stake being 89 poles east of Holt's line, and being the corner established in the division of the Thompson tract of land between the heirs at law of same Mrs. Mary Morel and Mrs. Elizabeth Primm; thence east 118 poles to Holt's corner; thence East 30 poles to Holt corner; thence East 44 poles to John M. Winstead S. W. corner in Holt line; thence North with Winstead line to Liberty Road; thence North east with Liberty Road to Stevens line; thence west with Stevens line to a stone; thence north 33 poles to Owen's corner; thence west $27\frac{1}{2}$ poles to corner in Owens tract; thence 38 poles to Owens corner; thence west to the dividing line between Elizabeth Primm and Mary Morel to corner; thence with said division line 103 poles to the beginning, containing by estimation 125 acres more or less.

In the division of the estate of my father John McThompson, with my sister Mary Morel, the two of us being the only heirs the tract of land above described was apportioned to my sister Mary Morel, but thru inadvertance, I Elizabeth Primm; have never executed a deed divesting the title to said land out of myself and into the said Mary Morel, and the parties to whom said land has been transferred by said Mary Morel and her conveyees, the last of said parties being the said Lewis H. Holt Jr. to whom this conveyance is made.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD SAID LAND with the appurtenances estate, title and interest thereto belonging to the said Lewis H. Holt, Jr. his heirs and assigns forever.

Below is a Christmas Card sent to the compiler by Mrs. Rosa Pauline Holt who married her cousin John A. Holt, picturing the Brentwood Church that the Holts have supported so well in past generations. The visits to her home were inspiring and delightful. Her obituary is very informative and was published in a Nashville paper.



Brentwood Methodist Church

HOLT

Mrs. Rosa Pauline Holt

Age 84 years, Widow of John A. Holt, Wednesday afternoon, December 1, 1965 at a local infirmary. Survived by nieces, Mrs. Dorris H. Gillespie, Mrs. George O. Herbert and Mrs. William L. Huddleston, of Brentwood, Mrs. E. M. Lyle, Clarksville, and Mrs. G. P. Minton, Nashville; Nephews, John P. Holt, Wilmington, Del., Cooper Holt, Nashville and Allen Holt, Frankfort, Ky. Remains are at the chapel of Martin's & Bracey Welsh, 209 Louise Ave., where services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Pickens Johnson and Rev. Elwood Denson.

Pallbearers—John P. Holt, Wilmington, Del., Allen Holt, Frankfort, Ky., Cooper Holt, W. L. Huddleston, Brentwood, G. P. Minton, E. M. Lyle, Clarksville, John Hall Gillespie, Richard, Va., John Thomas Herbert, Brentwood.

George Van Herbert, Jr., Brentwood, James H. Martin, Brentwood, Boyd H. Parsons, Hendersonville and Richard Jewell, Columbia. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. MARTIN'S & BRACEY WELCH INC. 291-0610.

R-5, Elysian-Garden Apts.
Nashville, Tennessee 37211
April 7, 1969

Mr. John W. Wilkins
1005 Ross
Lufkin, Texas 75901

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

I note in the Genealogical Acmon that you are a descendant of LEWIS FRANCIS HOLT and EMILY CUMMINGS of Williamson County, Tenn. I am not descended from either of these families, but was reared in the neighborhood where both originated.

The old HOLT home is still standing some three miles south of Brentwood, Tenn., on the Wilson Pike. The HOLT's still live there and own some 1,300 acres of farm land. JOHN and ISOBELLA HOLT came to Williamson County, Tenn., in the early 1800's. They were the progenitors of a large and prominent family. I note that your ancestor died in Louisiana. I know that the family had interests there in pre-Civil War days and traveled back and forth between there a Tennessee a good bit. The present HOLT home was built in the 1840's by THOMAS and ROSA HERBERT HOLT. I assume that this THOMAS, as well as your LEWIS, were sons of JOHN and ISOBELLA HOLT.

You may be able to obtain additional information on the HOLT's from Mr. and Mrs. John Page Holt, Route 1, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027, who live on the old HOLT place. I am enclosing some cemetery records I obtained for the local historical society.

The old CUMMINGS place is located on the Edmondson Pike two or three miles southeast of Brentwood, Tenn. The home is a large frame plantation type house, now owned by Lester Williams. I do not know any CUMMINGS descendants other than descendants of MARY (POLLY) CUMMINGS, who married JOHN EDMONDSON 1827, and ELIZABETH LEWIS CUMMINGS, who married ROBERT NATHANIEL HERBERT ca 1820-1830. I assume these girls were sisters of your EMILY. According to affidavit of ROBERT NATHANIEL HERBERT, JR., confederate veteran, his mother's parents were DAVID CUMMINGS and ELIZABETH LEWIS FINDER. These may be the parents of your EMILY. I strongly suspect they were.

Mrs. Virginia Dennis, Route 1, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 may be able to give you additional information on the CUMMINGS'. It is spelled both with and without the "J".

I would be glad to hear from you and have any additional information for my files on either the HOLT's or CUMMINGS'. I am on a committee to compile information for a county history of Williamson County, and any information would be valuable for that project.

Sincerely,

T. Vance Little
T. Vance Little

Please note carefully the Liability Exclusions and Limitations and the specific assurances afforded by this report. If you wish additional liability, or assurances other than as contained herein, please contact the Company for further information as to the availability and cost.

Plant Service Information Report
Tennessee Title Office of ORDER NO. 245627BI
Pioneer National Title Insurance Company

Does hereby assure: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Customer Ref. Letter

Fee \$100.00

who, by requesting this limited report agrees that the liability of the company hereunder shall not exceed the amount of the fee paid for this information and understands that such information is furnished from an examination of its property accounts or county property indices and that such information as to the matters herein specified pertaining to land herein described is as follows:

We hereby certify that the land hereinafter described is vested in John P. Holt for part, and John P. Holt for life with remainder to Charles Witherspoon, Jr., as to part.

For source of title see the following:

Partition deed of record in Deed Book 37, page 290, Register's Office for Williamson County, Tennessee, to John P. Holt. Deed of record in Deed Book 39, page 130, to John P. Holt, Deed of record in Deed Book 45, page 276, to John P. Holt, Deed of record in Deed Book 59, page 383, to John P. Holt, Will of record in Will Book 24, page 255, Probate Court of said County, to John P. Holt, Margaret Holt, Rose Holt and Kate Holt, in Will Book 29, page 57, to John P. Holt for life and then, to Rose Holt and Kate Witherspoon, and Will Book 31, page 137, to John P. Holt for life and remainder to Charles Witherspoon, Jr.

The following are the only encumbrances on said land:

1. Taxes, 1976, \$27.00, \$1,218.90, \$683.40 and 71.40, all paid. 1977, a lien, but not yet due and payable.
2. Right of Way Easement of record in Book 96, page 181, Register's Office for Williamson County, Tennessee.
3. Right of Way Easement of record in Book 124, page 499, said Register's Office.
4. Right of Way Easement of record in Book 152, page 491, said Register's Office.
5. Transmission Line Easement of record in Book 101, page 15, said Register's Office.

No guarantee is made as to the validity, legal effect or priority of any matter above shown, and if the information was requested by reference to a street address, no guarantee is made that said land is the same as said address.

Dated as of February 11, 1977 @ 8:00 A.M.

Tennessee Title Office of
Pioneer National Title Insurance Company

by Bob Ingram for James Walker
BOB INGRAM/lw

LETTER OF INFORMATION:

GUARANTY NO. 245627BI

cont'd.

6. Transmission Line Easement of record in Book 170, page 532, said Register's Office.

7. Transmission Line Easement of record in Book 172, page 178, said Register's Office.

8. Title to that portion of the premises lying within the bounds of any road, street or highway.

9. Such restrictions as may be applicable.

DESCRIPTION:

Land in the 15th Civil District and the 16th Civil District of Williamson County, Tennessee, being approximately 1185 acres, more or less, but a more accurate description cannot be made without a survey.

MEMORANDUM

Holt

To: T. Vance Little
From: Francene Kavin
Date: October 2, 1984
Re: The Holt-Witherspoon Conveyance to Raintree Development Corporation as recorded in Book 484, Page 900, Register's Office, Williamson County.

Per our many telephone conversations concerning the determination of what, if any, title the Primm-Morel heirs might have to the property that was the subject of the above mentioned conveyance, I have completed my research, such as it was, into this matter. By transferring what I've learned to paper, I hope to be better able to present the facts to Mr. Primm's daughter, at a time convenient to her, and you.

I am not at all sure Mr. Primm will be pleased by my findings, but I do hope we can clear up at least some of his doubts concerning title to the land in question, I feel confident that John P. Holt, recently deceased, Odelle Holt, widow of John P. Holt, and Charles Witherspoon are the rightful owners of the property and as such, had every right to convey same to Raintree Development Corp. in June of this year.

My opinion is shared by Williamson Title Company and Ms. Cynthia Beard, who along with Mr. Tyler Berry, researched the title to the many tracts of land that make up what is known as the Holt property. After countless hours of title searching, they have issued a commitment for \$2,000,000 plus and Ms. Beard has assured me the Owners Policy to Raintree Development Corp. will be completed as soon as time permits. The title policy confirms my thoughts completely - title to the land in June 1984, was rightfully vested in John P. Holt etux and Charles W. Witherspoon, Jr.

I am enclosing a copy of the Insurance Commitment - the only addition to the sources of title will be the Morel to Page Deed found in Book 15, Page 20, Register's Office, Williamson County and the Primm to Holt Deed recorded in Book 58, Page 489, Register's Office, Williamson County. These two deeds, by the daughters of John McThompson convey the 125 acres left to them by their father. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Elizabeth Primm specifically says in the deed to Lewis H. Holt, Jr. that she is conveying her one-half interest in the land earlier conveyed by her sister, Mary Morel and her husband, J. S. Morel. I am also sending copies of these deeds to you, as well as a copy of Lewis H. Holt's Will.

Mr. T. Vance Little
October 2, 1984
Page 2

If you have any questions, after looking at these documents, don't hesitate to call me. I'll look forward to meeting with you and Mr. Primm's daughter as soon as it can be arranged.

Sincerely,



Francene Kavlin

FK/ph

SCHEDULE A

Number G-4373

Effective Date June 8, 1984 at 7:00 a.m.

1. Policy or Policies to be issued:

ALTA OWNER'S POLICY	\$ 2,190,525.00
---------------------	-----------------

Proposed Insured: **RAINTREE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

ALTA LOAN POLICY \$

Proposed Insured:

2. The estate or interest in the land described or referred to in this Commitment and covered herein is a fee simple, and title thereto is at the effective date hereof vested in:

JOHN P. HOLT and CHARLES W. WITHERSPOON, JR.

3. The land referred to in this Commitment is described as follows:

The following described property, lying and being situated in the Sixteenth (16th) Civil District of Williamson County, Tennessee, as follows:

Beginning at a P.K. nail located in the center of Carpenter Road approximately 5620 ft. east of the intersection of Wilson Pike; thence leaving said Road and cutting across the Holt property as follows S 04° 05' 25" E 2481.70 ft; thence S 5° 59' 10" W 403.31 ft; thence S 05° 45' 22" W 340.19 ft; thence S 06° 09' 18" W 125.00 ft; thence S 00° 57' 26" W 147.41 ft; thence S 00° 31' 58" W 414.63 ft. to a iron pin a common corner to Holt and Stubblefield; thence with Stubblefield S 06° 04' 48" W 333.50 ft; thence S 07° 08' 59" W 317.25 ft; thence S 06° 48' 09" W 422.03 ft; thence S 07° 27' 33" W 1383.10 ft to a iron pin a common corner to Stubblefield and Kennon; thence with Kennon S 06° 34' 50" W 1233.42 ft to a iron pin; thence with a common line to Glass S 82° 48' 19" E 1010.98 ft to a point; thence with a line common to Baugh E 82° 41' 52" E 1572.34 ft to a iron pin in Gulliam's line; thence continue with Gulliam E 82° 52' 56" E 698.69 ft to a point; thence S 75° 56' 40" E 220.67 ft to a iron pin; thence with a line common to Allen N 14° 36' 28" E 501.19 ft to a point; thence with a line common to Wilburn N 09° 15' 44" E 765.04 ft to a point; thence continue with Wilburn N 05° 02' 11" E 841.58 ft. to a point; thence continue N 06° 58' 01" E 978.06 ft. to a iron pin; thence continue S 83° 00' 12" E 731.76 ft to a point; thence continue S 82° 32' 27" E 1006.30 ft to a iron pin in the easement of Columbia Gulf Transmission; thence with a line common to Ragsdale N 06° 17' 21" E 740.23 ft to a iron pin; thence continue N 82° 35' 22" E 467.05 ft to a iron pin; thence continue S 72° 19' 56" E 365.89 ft to a iron pin; thence with a line common to Jones & Stevens N 18° 09' 18" E 1480.66 ft. to a iron pin; thence with a line common to Edmonson N 62° 02' 18" W 611.77 ft to a point; thence continue N 58° 45' 04" W 504.53 ft. to a iron pin; thence continue N 07° 41' 25" E 1119.52 ft to a iron pin; thence continue N 75° 05' 10" W 768.14 ft to a iron pin; thence continue N 75° 43' 58" W 1535.49 ft to a point; thence continue N 79° 03' 47" W 321.77 ft to a iron pin; thence continue N 6° 42' 03" E 713.48 ft. to a point; thence continue N 5° 32' 57" E 995.07 ft to a iron pin in the west line of the Edmonson Church property; thence with same run N 59° 26' 37" W 41.01 ft to a P.K. nail in the

COMMITMENT

Policy Number _____ Owners _____

Policy Number _____ Loan _____

centerline of Crockett Road; thence with the centerline of said Road with the following nine (9) calls S 40° 25' 34" W 47.38 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 60° 03' 08" W 80.44 ft. to a P.K. nail; thence S 66° 50' 50" W 387.98 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 68° 44' 35" W 152.74 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 70° 53' 21" W 291.94 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 77° 56' 54" W 179.94 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 83° 02' 08" W 1617.17 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 80° 33' 31" W 695.27 ft to a P.K. nail; thence S 82° 22' 07" W 128.56 ft to a P.K. nail the point of beginning and containing 876.210 acres by a survey made June, 1984 by Leon Stanford.

Also transferred and quitclaimed by grantors to grantees, is all of grantors' right, title and interest in a permanent right-of-way granted to John P. Holt by Walter D. Ragsdale and wife, Mattie Sue Ragsdale, of record in Book 130, page 284, Register's Office of Williamson County, Tennessee.

For sources of title, see instruments of record in Deed Books 3, page 203; 4, page 150; 4, page 259; 4, page 260; 4, page 283; 5, page 81; 5, page 453; 6, page 286; 10, page 493; 39, page 130; 45, page 276; 59, page 383 and 130, page 284, all of record in the Register's Office of Williamson County, Tennessee.

Lewis Herbert Holt (one and the same person as L. H. Holt) died March 10, 1916, intestate, and left surviving him the following children, viz: Margaret Holt, Rose Holt, Kate Holt (Witherspoon), Lewis Herbert Holt, Jr., William Thomas Holt and John Page Holt (John P. Holt). Another daughter, Lucile Holt, predeceased her father, Lewis Herbert Holt.

Also see Wills of record in Will Book 50, page 381, Davidson County; Will Book 29, page 57, Williamson County; Will Book 31, page 137, Williamson County.

58, 489 - Linn to Holt
15, 20 - Merrell to Holt

SCHEDULE B — 1

(REQUIREMENTS)

Number G-4373

The following are the requirements to be complied with:

1. Payment of the full consideration to, or for the account of, the grantors or mortgagors.
2. Payment of all taxes, charges, assessments, levied and assessed against subject premises, which are due and payable.
3. Satisfactory evidence should be had that improvements and/or repairs or alterations thereto are completed; that contractor, subcontractors, labor and materialmen are all paid.
4. Instrument(s) creating the estate or interest to be insured must be approved, executed and filed for record, to wit:

Installment Deed properly executed by John P. Holt and wife, O'Delle Holt and Charles W. Witherspoon, Jr. unmarried, wherein the property described in Schedule A 3. hereof is conveyed to Raintree Development Corporation.

5. Upon payment of premium, a marketability Form B Owner's Title Policy will be issued.
6. Subject to certified copy of minutes of Raintree Development Corporation authorizing the purchase of said property and subsequent execution by the proper officials of the installment deed and note attendant therewith.

SCHEDULE B — 2

G-4373

(EXCEPTIONS)

Schedule B of the policy or policies to be issued will contain exceptions to the following matters unless the same are disposed of to the satisfaction of the Company.

1. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters, if any, created, first appearing in the public records or attaching subsequent to the effective date hereof but prior to the date the proposed Insured acquires for value of record the estate or interest or mortgage thereon covered by this Commitment.
2. Any owner's policy issued pursuant hereto will contain under Schedule B the standard exceptions set forth at the inside cover hereof. Any loan policy will contain under Schedule B standard Exceptions 1, 2 and 3 unless a satisfactory survey and inspection of the premises is made.
3. 1984 County taxes are a lien against the property, but are not yet due and payable. Map 35, Parcel 200A and Map 34, Parcel 6700A.

Said property has been classified by the Williamson County Tax Assessor to be Agricultural and under the provisions of TCA 67-650, et seq., may be subject to rollback taxes.

4. Right-of-way agreement of record in Book 124, page 599, ROWC, Tennessee, to Columbia Gulf Transmission Company executed by John P. Holt, et ux.
5. Right-of-way agreement of record in Book 152, page 491, ROWC, Tennessee, to Columbia Gulf Transmission Company executed by John P. Holt, et ux.
6. Transmission line easement of record in Book 170, page 532, ROWC, Tennessee, to United States of America executed by John P. Holt, et ux.
7. Transmission line easement of record in Book 172, page 178, ROWC, Tennessee, to United States of America executed by John P. Holt and Charles W. Witherspoon, Jr.
8. Subject to three (3) cemeteries which lie on said property, together with the right of ingress and egress thereto.
9. Subject to easement for any roadways lying within the boundaries of said property.
10. The acreage mentioned in the legal description is only for convenience in identifying the tract insured; it is not intended that this commitment or the policy to be issued, insure the amount of acreage.
11. All visible easements lying on and across the property.
12. Applicable zoning ordinances and building regulations.

made between them. The two sons of Robert C. Thompson were minors when their father died. In Jan. 1843, Thomas Holt, Lewis Causby, Burgess Robinson forcible and unlawfully took possession of a portion of the land.

1 Aug. 1836. Nicholas P. Holt to John Mc. Thompson- sum of \$636.50- tract of land lying on the waters of Little Harpeth- beginning with James Williams...John Holt...John Mc. Thompson- the heirs of Robert C. Thompson, Dec'd. containing 50 acres and 19 poles being a part of the tract of land deeded by Jason Thompson to Robert C. Thompson dec'd. and sold by execution and redeemed by Herbert Owen and sold by Owen to Nicholas P. Holt 23 May 1836

William Owen - Trust deed on 270 acres land on Little Harpeth 3 slaves and various kinds of good ware, books and etc. from Herbert Owen- Registered 29 May 1840. This indenture made 29 May 1840....tract of land containing 270 acres and bounded on the south by James H. Wilson, on the east by John McNairy Thompson, on the north by John Mc. Thompson, on the west by Jabez Owen and Andrew Crockett, being the tract of land where Herbert Owen now lives.

This indenture made 2 March 1841 between Herbert Owen and Martha A. R. Owen his wife to Luke Pryor... Martha A. R., the widow of Robert C. Thompson had dower assigned to her in the real estate. tract of land on the Little Harpeth being the tract of land where Herbert Owen lived in 1840 and containing 270 acres, the portion covered by dower being about 107 acres. Herbert Owen, the present husband of Martha A. R., made a deed of trust 29 May 1840 to William Owen to secure payment of certain debts and has authorized trustee to sell said land for the sum of \$1.....

9 November 1840- William Owens as trustee sells to Luke Pryor.

This is to certify that Herbert Owen has this day paid to the undersigned the sum of \$329.18 in the redemption of our interest in the tract of land belonging to the heirs of Robert C. Thompson. Redeemed from Willis Cannon in the fall of 1834. Feb. 13, 1836

Deposition of Mary Dobson- age 47- 22 Nov. 1845. Robert E. Thompson was born in Nashville I think in 1822 and John C. Thompson was born in Shelbyville Aug. 22, 1824. They are the only sons that I know of that were born to Robert C. Thompson. I do not remember the year Robert C. moved from Shelbyville to Williamson County and have not seen him since he moved. I heard of his death.

Many other long records

John A. Roach made oath he was afraid William Allen and Ellis Cook will do him great bodily harm on account of his son. Feb. 1844